

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS**

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Applicant	: Sachin G. Deshpande & Renjit Thomas	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of April 06, 2006 this preliminary amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.